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SUBJECT: SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION REPORT

REF: CAPE TOWN 103

1. CONTRARY TO EARLIER INDICATIONS (REFTEL), PRIME MINISTER VORSTER HAS DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO TABLE SCHLEBUSCH REPORT DURING THIS SESSION OF PARLIAMENT. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN A.L. SCHLEBUSCH, NATIONALIST MP FOR KROONSTAD, HAS TOLD US DECISION WAS TAKEN WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF LENGTHY REPORT COULD NOT BE COMPLETED AND TEXT PRINTED BEFORE PARLIAMENT RISES NEXT WEEK. HE SAID BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF CONTENT OF REPORT, AND BECAUSE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CRITICIZED LAST YEAR WHEN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VERSION NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE AFTER INTERIM REPORTS HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT, VORSTER HAD INSISTED ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEXT OF FULL REPORT HAD TO BE COMPLETED AND AVAILABLE BEFORE IT COULD BE RELEASED.

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2. THERE SOME HERE WHO BELIEVE VORSTER MOTIVATED BY BELIEF

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CERTAIN CONTROVERSIAL PORTIONS OF REPORT COULD LEAVE HIS GOVERNMENT OPEN TO CRITICISM WHICH HE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN. OTHERS, HOWEVER, SEE NO MACHIAVELIAN MANEURVERING BEHIND DECISION TO DEFER RELEASE OF REPORT, AND TAKE AT FACE VALUE EXPLANATION SCHLEBUSCH AND OTHER NATIONALIST MPS ARE GIVING.

3. IN ANY EVENT, NATIONAL PARTY (NP) ON VERY STRONG ELECTORAL FOOTING AND IN NO NEED OF SCHLEBUSCH FINDINGS AS ELECTION CAMPAIGN ISSUE. MOREOVER, SECURITY LEGISLATION THAT IT HAS INTRODUCED AND WILL PUSH THROUGH PARLIAMENT IN NEXT FEW DAYS (CAPE TOWN 0126) WILL SERVE TO SHOW VOTERS THAT NP READY AND ABLE TO TAKE FIRM MEASURES TO COUNTER ALLEGED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA. HURD

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